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At the Prescott, Ariz., MYF institute last month, a young missionary recently returned from Argentina, Galal Kernahan, suggested a project for the camp. He recalled that the MYF of Argentina is in the process of buying a campsite on the banks of the River Carcarana near Rosario. It didn't take much persuasion to convince Arizona youth enjoying a summer institute that it would be a good thing to do what they could to help make the same kind of program possible for Argentine youth.

They got to work raising money—direct appeals, laundry service, fines for walking on grass, even something called "babe" sitting. Final tally showed $140 for the Argentine camp.

On the cover are four Phoenix youth who attended the institute, Shirley van Antwerp, the Burton Twins, and Johnny Hinshaw.

Forum

MORE ON PEACE FILM

Sirs:

I want to add a few words to your Cues item (11 June CONCERN) about a new film. As you indicated, the Radio and Film Commission has just finished, for the Board of World Peace, the production of "Youth and the Crusade for World Order," a 13-minute, 16-mm. motion picture film in black and white. The film shows Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, chairman of the Commission on the Crusade for World Order of the Council of Bishops, being interviewed by Richard Thompson, president of the National Conference of Methodist Youth, and Barbara Ricks, a Methodist youth consultant to the Evanston Assembly of the World Council of Churches.

The film is excellent for use with large and small groups of seniors and older youth in the program of summer institutes and assemblies and also during the entire year.

Since the Crusade for World Order will be receiving great attention throughout the church, we urge strongly that you plan to purchase a copy of this film for use on an annual conference or district basis. Prints are available immediately from the Rad and Film Commission, Box 868, Nas ville, at $45 each. Order yours n and have it available.

Where not more than a few showin are desired, the film can be rent from the depository of the Methodi Publishing House which serves you $3.50 per showing.

A special leader's guide has be prepared for those using the film a is available free on request from t Board of World Peace, 740 Rush S Chicago 11. We recommend that whe ever possible youth be given a chan preferably in small groups, to a questions and discuss this film af it has been shown. The leader's gu will be an important aid to discussi

We hope readers of CONCERN will now so they will get the fullest p sible use from these new visual sources.

Herman Will,
Administrative Secretary,
Board of World Peace,
Chicago

WE HAVE THEM

Sirs:

A long time ago I saw some "Sym thy Cards" with "Your story touched my heart on one side" an word about CONCERN on the other s We would like to pass these cards Do you have any?

Ann Thomasson, N.

—YUP, WE HAVE A GOOD SUPPLY THE CONCERN SYMPATHY CARDS ARE SENDING SOME TO YOU. ANYB ELSE WANT A FEW?

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MYF membership on the way up

Nashville statisticians have been anxious to get reports from the church's annual conferences that met in the spring and early summer. Their big concern: MYF membership. By the first of this month, 71 conferences had reported, and the net gain in MYF membership was 56,343.

Largest gain, 4,142, was reported by the Southern California-Arizona Conference. Second and third largest gains were the Ohio Conference with 2,864 and the Florida Conference (SEJ) with 2,678.

Other conferences with large increases were Iowa-Des Moines 1,871, Michigan 1,850, North Indiana 1,839, Holston 1,834, and California-Nevada 1,803.

The advisory committee on the Youth Emphasis proposed a goal of 500,000 new members for the MYF by General Conference of 1956. Up to this spring, MYF membership had steadily decreased since its peak of 1,148,844 in 1948. Membership in 1953 was 1,112,007.

Seek to Recruit Adults

To keep pace with the church-wide drive for 500,000 additional MYFers, the Youth Department is planning a recruitment campaign to get more adult workers with youth. MYF counselors and church school teachers are especially needed.

Last month a special committee met in Nashville, proposed a grass roots survey by the 567 district superintendents across the country to "determine the ratio of youth to adults and the major problems faced by young people in every community." Following the surveys, district superintendents are asked to hold seminars for their pastors in the fall to study findings and to set up recruitment and training programs for adult workers with youth.

"We need to know how many unchurched youth there are in a community, who and where they are, and what their problems are," the committee said. "When enough people are concerned about the boy and girl next door, then all youth everywhere will be affected."

New department staff member Glenn Klingledorff is giving special leadership to MYF increase and extension.

NEWS

Alcohol school seeks more winsome way

—CONCERN ASKED FRED CLOUD, ASSISTANT EDITOR OF YOUTH PUBLICATIONS IN THE EDITORIAL DIVISION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO WRITE A SPECIAL REPORT ON THE YOUTH SCHOOL OF ALCOHOL STUDIES. HERE IS HIS ARTICLE.

Would this be "just another conference" or would something be said and done that would strike spiritual sparks in the hearts of the youth delegates?

This was the question in my mind as our train pulled into Delaware, Ohio, home of Ohio Wesleyan University. For a week, June 28-July 2, this campus was to be the scene of the Youth School of Alcohol Studies, co-sponsored by the Board of Temperance and the Board of Education of The Methodist Church.

At Stuyvesant Hall, where delegates were housed and meetings were held, we found young people from 33 states —ranging from New Hampshire to South Carolina and from Maryland to California. They represented the MYF on various levels—conference, district, subdistrict, local church—in 44 annual conferences. Working with these delegates in the school were 11 adult workers with youth and a staff of 20. At meal times, the dietitian counted 87 noses but after free time games of tennis and water polo, appetites were such that she would have sworn there were 100!

The fast-moving days included lectures, skits and discussion periods, workshops, recreation and worship. Lectures of a strictly factual nature presented the effects of alcohol on the human body and mind, the social consequences of drinking, and psychological motivation for drinking. Presenting these lectures were Lester Keyser (an M. D.) and Albion Roy King (Ph. D.).

Highlights of the conference for some were the times when Lance Webb, Methodist minister from Columbus, Ohio, led the delegates in developing a

Christian theology of temperance; and when Thomas Shipp, Methodist minister from Dallas, Texas, described what the church can do to help persons "in trouble with alcohol."

Dr. Webb pointed out that pride, egocentricity, and exalted view of the self that causes persons to chase rainbows and to flee from shadows in life, is at the root of much drinking. Not viciousness but *emptiness* is the sickness from which millions seek escape in drink. For remedy, Dr. Webb prescribed Paul's advice: Be filled with the Spirit, rather than with spirits. In this, he was picking up the positive note sounded at the outset of the school by Caradine Hooton, executive secretary of the Board of Temperance: "We must set up a creative, wholesome, winsome way of life as an alcohol-free alternative to the way of life that accepts drinking. Abstinence is the wiser way of life."

Thomas Shipp destroyed for most delegates any complacency about the church's dealing with persons "in trouble with alcohol." In brief, he pointed out that it is no solution to kick people out of the church if they drink. Because we have been so quick to judge people who drink, individuals who start drinking tend to withdraw from the church, and the church often withdraws its fellowship from those who drink. Dr. Shipp pointed out that Christians have the reputation of helping people in trouble; they have the equipment to help persons become rehabilitated and reintegrated into the life of the community; and they have the backing of God in such work. He strongly urged that youth adopt the way of loving and understanding persons, rather than judging them.

On the last evening, under the direction of Roy Breg of Allied Youth, young people told what they resolved to do "back home" about drinking among youth. As I listened to their enthusiastic plans, my question was answered: No, this had not been "just another conference;" something *had* happened to make these Methodist young people zealous for a wiser and more winsome way than that which accepts drinking.

—BY FRED CLOU

Youth to take part in World Council Assembly

On May 27 Barbara Welch, a 2[illegible] year-old Methodist choir singer an[illegible] teacher of dramatic art, set sail fro[illegible] Sydney, Australia on a freight[illegible] bound for the United States. Her ult[illegible] mate destination: Evanston, Ill. a[illegible] the Second Assembly of the Wor[illegible] Council of Churches.

All over the world other young pe[illegible] ple (about 100) are embarking on si[illegible] ilar journeys which will take them [illegible] the campus of Northwestern Unive[illegible] sity. There on August 15, 1200 rep[illegible] sentatives from Protestant, Anglic[illegible] and Orthodox churches in 48 lands w[illegible] assemble to discuss the role of t[illegible] church in the world today.

Some 18 Americans are numbere[illegible] among the 100 youth consultants. O[illegible] of the 18 is a Methodist, Barba[illegible] Ricks of the Washington Conferenc[illegible]

One youth consultant, Keiichi H[illegible] ada, was raised a Buddist in Jap[illegible] but after the disillusioning war ye[illegible]

Roger Burgess (standing at right), editorial director for the Board of Temperance, talks with alcohol school delegates Nancy Cartledge, Sue Wallace, Coy Brown, (background), Douglas Fowler and Lynn McSpadden (seated on ground).

—Photo· Columbus Dispatch

—Photo: Columbus Dispatch

Patty Marley of Bradenton, Fla. and Norman Emge of Ofallon, Mo., look through "Parties with Punch" while attending the Youth School of Alcohol Studies.

wandered by chance into a Christian church. Soon he had decided to attend Kyoto University, the oldest Christian college in the country. Heated discussions with communist students, sceptics and nihilists made him aware of the many faiths competing for the minds of men. To strengthen his own beliefs, he volunteered for an international Christian work camp in 1949 (one of many sponsored by the World Council of Churches). Although it meant breaking with his family, he has now become a Christian and has gone into Christian work, teaching at a boys' high school in Nagoya.

Friedrich Scholz of Hamburg, Germany came into close contact with Orthodox youth of many nationalities while teaching in DP camps. Now he is president of an organization coordinating Orthodox youth work in Western Germany.

Henry Segome Ramaila comes from South Africa where he has been teaching in a Johannesburg high school. William Metcalf will take time out from his internship at Cook County hospital in Chicago to attend the Assembly. Per Lonning is hurrying to finish "a rather thick book about Kierkegaard's conception of Christianity" before setting sail from Norway. Prakai Nettayotin of Thailand is in the U. S. studying on a Fulbright scholarship.

These are only a few of the young people looking forward to the first great ecumenical gathering ever held in the United States. A preliminary breakdown by continents shows North America in the lead with 24 youth consultants; Europe 23, Asia 14, Central and South America 8, Africa 7, the Pacific Islands 6, and the Near East 1.

Besides the consultants, additional young people will serve as stewards and aides, running errands, ushering and doing chores about the Assembly. A number of these are foreign students studying in the U. S.

Other American students will get a glimpse of the Assembly when they attend conferences in the Evanston area sponsored by the United Student Christian Council, the World's Student Christian Federation, and the Inter-Seminary Movement.

Delegates to the National Conference of Methodist Youth meeting, August 20-27 at Naperville, Ill. will attend two of the World Council sessions as a group.

Pledge to flag gets new words

Last month President Eisenhower signed into law a bill to amend America's traditional pledge to the flag. The change adds two words, "under God," to the pledge.

Signing the bill, the President commented, "In this way we are reafirming the trancendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace or in war."

As revised by the bill, the pledge reads: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Methodists meet across the parallel

—THOBURN T. BRUMBAUGH, BOARD OF MISSIONS SECRETARY FOR JAPAN AND KOREA, SENDS THIS SPECIAL ON-THE-SPOT REPORT.

Bishop Hyungki Lew and I are attending Sunday morning worship at an old and dilapidated Methodist church in what used to be North Korea. It is on Korea's east coast, north of the 38th parallel and just south of the present military front, within the triangle of territory liberated by U. N. forces shortly before the cease-fire of July 1953.

Towns and villages everywhere are a shambles. Military vehicles crowd the roads, and army and air force units dot the plains and hillsides. Ammunition dumps cannot be entirely concealed, and tanks and anti-aircraft equipment are ready for instant use. Yet the Korean inhabitants, all of whom were evacuated southward during the hostilities, are rapidly returning to their devastated homesites, and farmers are again working in their fields.

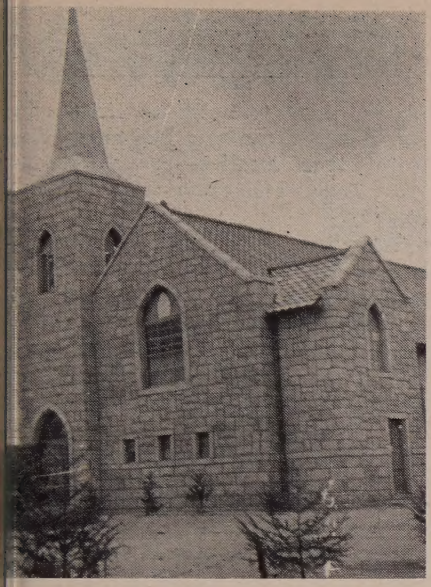
The Methodist pastor of this little town of Sakucho-ri is also a victim of the war. (See picture.) His congregation sits on the floor, men on one side, women on the other. In the period before the service and after Sunday school, which is held at 8:00 o'clock, a layman leads a Bible class. He starts a hymn, decidedly off key. The women try to pull him back into tune, but fail; yet the singing is glorious. A Korean army chaplain arrives with a score of ROK infantrymen and engineers, and the singing improves.

The pastor announces a hymn. A small organ is carried in from a nearby hut where the choir has been practicing. A single seat which has been kept vacant in the choir for a latecomer, is filled by an attractive young woman whom I had seen on the street a bit earlier. I am informed that she is a magnificent Christian, and I am chagrined. It is so easy to misjudge people who are victims of poverty and adversity.

The hymn is "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and the more than 100 worshippers sing it with deep feeling. The pastor leads in a moving prayer. There are many deep sighs and *amens* from the congregation. I feel like shouting myself, though I cannot understand a word that is being said. The Scripture portion read responsively is also impressive. In excellent four-part harmony the choir sings "All to Jesus I Surrender." I cannot help feeling they have indeed suffered and surrendered much. I breathe a prayer that God may give me a worthy message for this hour.

Methodist pastor of the little Korean town of Sakucho-ri is a war victim. His family was trapped in Pyeng Yang when the war started, and he has heard nothing from them since that time. Brumbaugh reports, "His hair is white, which is unusual among the Koreans, but his face is beatific."

The preacher of the morning is introduced. The congregation stands and bows deeply toward their guests, then settle in sitting posture to give rapt attention to the sermon. The theme is "Thanks Be to God for His Inexpressible Gift." Paragraph by paragraph Bishop Lew gives sympathetic interpretation and many in the congregation give evidence of knowing the Scripture reference by heart. Concluding the service with the Doxology and prayer, the pastor asks everyone to step outside in the drizzling rain for a memorial picture. Thus is commemorated the visit of a missionary secretary who brings assurance that the



This Methodist church in Uijongbu, Korea was built by American forces.

hristians and churches of America e deeply interested in the struggling urches and congregations of Korea.

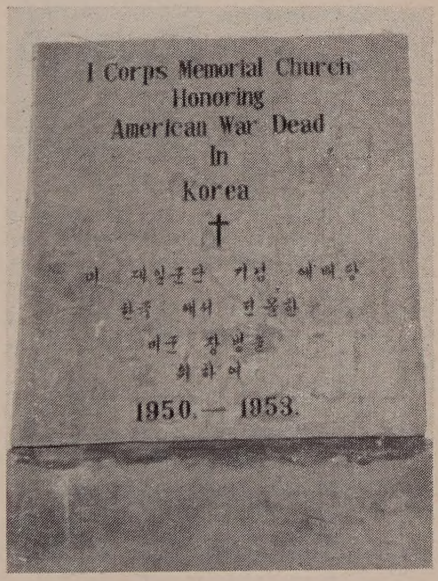
Korean Methodism was vigorous in ntral Korea before the communist vasion forced the evacuation of its pulace southward, and then wrought in upon its homes, farms, industries, d community life. Therefore, the ethodist church is trying to get its astors and lay leaders back into these eas in the vanguard of rehabilitation. nder military encouragement, villages e springing up everywhere and every llage soon has a church of some sort.

Over 300 Methodist churches have en destroyed or badly damaged in e three years of Korea's war. It was tle short of miraculous that the hristians themselves survived. Thank od, they are made of more durable uff than are their church buildings. et they deserve decent places for orship and for the religious training their own and other children. Even e military forces are anxious to see ese churches rebuilt, even though ey were in many instances technical- responsible for their destruction. hey regard the establishment of hristian church groups and religious aining in community life as the sur- st means of undergirding Korea's new democratic practices with spiritual foundations.

Likewise our American chaplains are deeply interested in Christian evangelism throughout Korea. They have been instrumental in securing building materials and other forms of aid for the restoration of destroyed, and in repairing damaged, churches. Much of this is done in memory of fallen American and allied heroes in the battles that have been fought in these valleys and hills.

Thus a way has been found whereby the Korean Christians themselves, the American military commands, the chaplains and generous-spirited GIs, together with benevolent American Christians and churches may pool their resources in bringing Korea's church life into the forefront of the nation's rehabilitation. As the opportunity is now given so dramatically for American church people to aid in the reconstruction of Korea's churches, schools and other Christian institutions, let us pray God that each Methodist in the United States shall ask himself the question, "Am I doing unto others as I would have others do unto me?"

—BY T. T. BRUMBAUGH



American servicemen who built the Methodist church in Uijongbu, Korea, left this tablet as a reminder of their dedication.

This is your world - and you work in it

You may not realize it, but as a citizen of a country belonging to the United Nations, you are doing, indirectly at least, useful and sometimes exciting constructive work in many parts of the world. One of the agencies through which you are doing it is the U. N. Food and Agriculture Organization. And one of F. A. O.'s stirring jobs is being done in Ceylon, the island country that lies near the equator south of India.

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Equatorial though it may be, and though it has heavy tropical rains and lush, verdant growth of vegetation, one section in the north is dry and arid. The rains do come for a time, but most of the year there is a serious problem of water. Now what, do you suppose, F. A. O. is doing there, with the cooperation of the Ceylon government? Putting through new irrigation dams and channels? Nothing of the sort. F. A. O. men, such as Canadian expert Hardy, who has surveyed the terrain and come up with the surprising ideas, are turning back to antiquity for their solutions of this modern problem.

From no mere sentimentalist, but from a hard-headed and experienced man of business outlook, comes a report that fascinatingly combines the meeting of a great need with a reliance on historic ways of the ancient Ceylonese. Dr. Raymond W. Miller, F. A. O. Consultant, a public relations counsel and a lecturer at the Harvard Business School, tells a colorful and unusual story, basing it on Hardy's research.

The Ceylonese Kings, before the time of Christ, erected irrigation systems and reservoirs for the people. Ceylon today has a population of about 25,000,000 for an area half that of England, and although there were fewer people back in antiquity, some of the cities contained a million inhabitants. There was food enough for all, but the mosquito decimated the population time after time from malaria. To rid themselves of this deadly pest, the people moved out and migrated to other places, there to build up cities anew. Again and again this happened. There were other enemies—predatory kings from India who came to plunder and destroy.

When they moved out, the city populations left behind them giant waterworks, well-built, strong, and adequate. It happens that these have stood until the present time, needing only a measure of repair. The oldtime Ceylonese have emerged with the dust, but their water systems lie unused through the ages, so skillfully constructed that they can be utilized even in our 20th century. Amazingly, 2,000,000 persons can be supplied with water in this arid region, merely by patching up a section of the old viaducts, lakes and canals. No new engineering has been necessary.

Says Hardy: "I have seen technical assistance projects in many lands and under many different conditions, but this one is in a class by itself." So much for the oddity of those conditions in Ceylon. But Hardy properly draws deductions which affect technical aid as a method. "Each time I visit Asia," he declares, "I become more convinced that the type of technical assistance rendered by F. A. O. is what the underdeveloped countries of the world need and want. In the water development project in Ceylon the people of the country are working together with F. A. O. in drawing up the plans, receiving the benefit of the best technical advice available through F. A. O.'s 71-country membership."

The actual construction is done by the Ceylonese. Capital comes from local sources and the World Bank. Says Hardy: "It is simply helping people to help themselves, by providing know-how and show-how. It is an approach by what is literally a cooperative of nations." Two of those phrases are worth remembering.

"Know-how," plus "show-how." And "a cooperative of nations" points the way to what we all must strive to achieve, even ultimately, in the area of politics.

—BY DEVERE ALLEN

Window-washers

Difference between a drab, gloomy orld and a bright sparkling one, from e viewpoint of those inside looking t, is window-washing. What kinds of mmer experiences may help bring w clarity to our souls?

None—unless we *seek* clarity! Initutes, retreats, workshops, Galilean rvices—all the special, even mountintop meetings—may leave us befogged, befuddled, unless—

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First, we give ourselves more time exosure to the Infinite. Yes, the wesome God of the Mountain, the oice that has spoken thunderingly rough the centuries shattering men's arrow perspectives, calling them to rophetic paths. A campfire service ay leave us a-glow, if that's what we ame seeking. But pray God some outh *burned* clean of self-seeking, the old of his real self refined in the ucible of soul-searching and surrend-. Then he will go forth, not just reecting campfire glows, but aflame ith a steady sure inner light, God-nkindled.

Psychologists and others are writing o urge people, amidst the deluges of ords and seas of sights engulfing em these days to invest—for the sake f mental hygiene—a half-hour a day, to complete retirement from the orld, not even using it to think quiet- in, but clearing one's spirit of all urdens and pressures." Gandhi took a hole day every week; his insights cut quarely across the prevalent patrns, but he had soul-force; what an's influence, with so little visible pparatus to support him, has spread o far in our time? Something sinister s being hinted here and there in works f psychology: *mass* insanities . . . ot just Hitler's Germany, though hat's the most dramatic illustration . . delusions here and there, schizophrenic, paranoid tendencies. Ponder the frightening idea. How far gone are we?

"There is a balm in Gilead"—*the* balm for sick minds, infected attitudes. But we need *more time* when we let go all else—*all* else. Hard indeed. Prayer and "thinking with God" is costly. Says Harold Ehrensperger, "The only thing we need to pay great attention to is what our roots are and what our sky is. We need roots to hold us firm and sky to pull us up—and in between a living process." God is the active One Real prayer means being prayed through "We cannot kindle when we will the fire which in the heat resides; and is still . . ." But there come times when sight is cleared. Against our self-saving, refusal to forgive, fear and coldness that clouds us in, is the yearning Grace of God—"so high you can't get above Him, so low you can't get around Him, better come in by the gate." 'Tis an humble lintel. But it opens wide.

Miss Bowman

Thinking, as openly and honestly as one can before God, helps clear the soul's windows, too. Mark of healthy-mindedness, to be willing to discard erroneous, outworn not-quite-right answers. Costly, yes. Asking the right *questions* about life, peace action, race, industry, money are pre-requisite to finding right answers. Discussions will be many in youth gatherings, in training conferences, in the World Council meetings. Will we be clingers to half-answers, or open-eyed seekers for truth? Will we "acknowledge with shamed surprise that we prayed for a dog and a collar and chain, when we

might have had *opened eyes?*" The South Dakota conference committee chose to ask questions rather than make pronouncements about the world situation—questions that search our souls, wash our windows, touch vital nerves. See *Christian Advocate*, July 1, 1954.

Giving living is the next price of clarity, not getting living. "Bread for myself is an economic problem," says Berdyaev. "Bread for my brother is a spiritual problem." Lois Lenski puts it in the clear words of children. "Those who care Love to share, Those who share Learn to care." Oh, say, can you *see*?

—BY CLARICE BOWMAN

Thinking out the news

Listen here, Atlanta

Houston has something to say to you, Atlanta.

I'm interested in what Houston has to say to you because I lived in Texas four or five years and in Atlanta more than 15.

What's Houston talking about? Golf courses. Now, I've never played golf: it comes nearer to being a rich man's game than a poor man's, and while I'm not actually "poor" in goods I'm "poor" in the time, resources, and situations that draw one into golf games. But there's a controversy going on about golf courses in Atlanta that's just like one Houston had.

Nelson

While Atlanta's still hemming and hawing over it, Houston's settled it. At least, that's what a couple of articles in the *Atlanta Journal* seemed to indicate on Friday, July 9. (Since I used to write sports for the *Journal*, this makes the whole thing even more interesting to me.)

There are seven municipal golf courses in Atlanta. Of these, seven are used by the white people who have the money and the time to play golf and none are used by the Negro people who have the money and the time to play golf. Of course, the great majority of Americans who do not play golf could easily find an excuse to say, "Why worry too much over the well-to-do discriminating against the well-to-do?"

That wouldn't be fair, though. I don't believe in war, but since there is an army, I'm glad it is ending segregation. So, while golf seems to me a leisure class activity, I still don't like the idea of this seven-to-nothing division of golf courses between the races.

Well, I'm slow getting to the point, but here it is: according to the *Atlanta Journal*, a federal court has ruled that the City can no longer deny Negroes the use of the links. While the City and the newspaper seem to think the decision does not end segregation, they admit it raises problems for the City, which has been given time to comply with the ruling.

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A Mr. J. C. Calhoun, Atlanta banker and NAACP leader disagrees that the ruling allows the continuation of segregation. He thinks recent Supreme Court decisions have clearly ended segregation not only in education but in cases like this one, too.

Just how pertinent his stand is does not become apparent until one turns to page 27 of the same issue of the *Journal*. There, an article reveals that the same question came up in Houston that the Supreme Court allowed a lower court's decision to stand, forcing the City to allow Negroes use of the links and finally that the Houston City Council then threw all of the courses open to Negroes because it was "impossible to operate them on a segregated basis."

That word "impossible" could be a little strong, there. Nevertheless, Atlanta, there is your cue for the most simple, reasonable, and feasible course of action open to you!

As a former Texas and a present Georgian, I say "Hats off to Houston!"

—BY CLAUD NELSON, JR.

Youth in their families

No, let's not have a meeting Sun- afternoon. It's the only time in week that I can be with my par-," a senior youth officer recently when asked about a council meet-

n the same week the parents of an- er youth remarked, "We hardly w Dewey any more. He's gone here the e until we see so little of him, hardly have a 'brush' acquaintance!"

hese bits of conversation carry a ply felt concern and a sharply used commentary upon modern ily life. The *concern* on the part of th is centered in unsatisfied and ulfilled experiences. The sense of d for family fellowship sharing and erstanding is a basic desire in the and philosophy of every youth. opportunity and the degree of sfying this desire not only deter- e the immediate attitude and ap- ciation for his home, but also lay foundations for his own future and ne atmosphere.

o great and constant are the de- nds upon a young person's time and rgy outside the home that a youth ds to grow away from mother and instead of growing together with m. School, church and social ac- ties can lay such premiums upon time demanded of youth today that vent discipline governs the experi- es. Conscientious youth feel heavily responsibility for proper steward- o here.

The *indictment* comes upon all pro- ms and organizations whose cooper- e and competitive activities demand their participants the neglect of ally important experience of Chris- n family fellowship. Good homes are cornerstones of noble, worthy, en- ing civilized culture. Christian nes are the proving grounds of the gdom of God on earth.

The widespread plague of broken nes today indicates the failure of a ger number of homes a generation to cope with family-centered prob- lems and adjustments. Is another gen- eration of youth to follow in this home-destroying trend? Or are they to grasp the opportunity to re-establish the basic patterns necessary for conse- crated, devoted, responsible family circles?

The youth division council of Mag- nolia Avenue MYF decided to do some- thing about the concern and the in- dictment. They sat down together one evening to discover possible approaches to the problem of helping "teenagers make their adjustment to life within the family circle *today*." The result of the evening's work: a week's program to be held October 31-November 7 (the best week in a full calendar year-round activities). Committees composed of youth from all three departments, par- ents and MYF counselors were ap- pointed to each special activity in- volved.

The basic schedule looks like this:

Sunday, October 17: the project will get underway two weeks early with a Sunday afternoon survey of the fami- lies of the church in the area. Some of the questions to be asked are—Does your family have daily family devo- tions? Do you have a family council to study family problems and plans? How many evenings a week does your fam- ily spend together? At home? What kind of activities do you participate in together?

Methodism's Youth Emphasis this fall centers around special projects on "youth in their families." The Youth Department asked two local churches to make their plans a little early and report in detail on their discoveries and activities. This article is written by Richard E. Monroe, minister of education at Magnolia Avenue church in Knox- ville, Tenn. Several committees are at work on the project in Magnolia Avenue church, and these are the plans approved thus far.

Sunday, October 31 and November 7: study material available in intermediate closely graded lessons *Roundtable* and *Christian Action* will be adjusted to fit into the regular MYF activities of the days.

Monday, November 1: "Family-at-home" night. Two committees are to divide the planning responsibilities for this evening, one to prepare for distribution of the church families a list of recreational activities the family can do together, the other to prepare devotional materials with suggestions for family altar comments for the week. The purpose for the evening is to encourage the family to stay at home together.

Tuesday, November 2: youth-parent panel night at the church. Theme for the discussion is "Working together in the Home." Three youth and three parents will give their views on such questions as these: Do parents have enough faith in their teenagers? What constitutes wise discipline in the home? Is there time and place in the home for recreation for young people? Do youth feel a willing responsibility for helping with work at home? What is the criteria for making allowances? Should youth be paid for working at home? Are homes responsible for community vandalism? Is youth ready to share with others concerning the use of the family car? What contribution can the home make to church attendance? A period for audience participation will follow the discussion.

Wednesday, November 3: "The Family in Action" night. A committee of youth and parents is planning three skits. One is by youth to portray the way they feel their parents act in certain given problem situations in t home. The second is by parents reve ing the parents' reaction to youth's titudes in similar situations, and third shows the family council at wo Group discussion will follow the pa presentation.

Thursday, November 4: family ni fellowship supper. A covered dish s per at the church will bring pare and youth together for the eveni The main feature of the program be a film on family life, followed age-group discussions.

Friday, November 5: "Family-in-t Community" night. The committee responsible for discovering and s gesting activities within the c munity which families of the chu may attend together as family u

Saturday, November 6: "Fam Study-Church-School-Lessons" ni Emphasis for this evening will be encourage families to prepare th selves for their church school cla on Sunday morning by studying curriculum material provided for family member.

The church library committee been asked to set up related book plays and to obtain reading guide terials to fit the theme of the w

An evening in September will be aside as "workshop night" when members of all committees will to conclude final planning. We look ward to an enriching experience as think of "Youth in their families" November.

—BY RICHARD E. MON

"Youth in Their Families" is a church-wide project in the Youth Emphasis, although plans will differ from church to church.

More guidance materials, in the form of leaflets, pamphlets and special articles, will be published by the Youth Department. Read the pages of CONCERN for announcements.

Of special help are three issues of *Roundtable*, basic MYF planning gu The September issue has an intro tory article on the theme of the action project, and *Roundtable* October and November will have m helpful articles. Youth groups that not normally receive *Roundtable* order a free copy of the special i from the Youth Department, P. O. B 871, Nashville 2.

ɔsperity plans fall project

—Wightman church in Prosperity, C. is making plans for the Fall ion Project in the Youth Em-sis. Special for Concern readers his planning report from Pastor Hook.

As we at Prosperity, S. C., begin to nk about and plan for the fall ac- project in the Youth Emphasis, become more and more awakened to purposes of a Christian family. We o see the almost numberless ac- ties connected with the theme, outh in Their Families." We hope t many things will develop for good our families and in our church as plan and carry out our plans for s fall.

Our immediate goals are family wor- p, family fellowship and family ncil.

We plan to begin our emphasis in e month of October with what we ose to call some warm-up or pre- ratory activities. In our MYF this ans a complete review of our plans the regular council meeting the first nday in October. Also, we are plan- ng to have some phase of our pro- t highlighted in the church bulletin ery Sunday in October and Novem- r, which will let the entire member- ip know of our plans. We also hope will create interest and benefit the nole family.

October 24: we hope to distribute rough the church bulletin copies of The Family at Worship," printed by e *Upper Room.*

October 31: the pastor has agreed to ve his regular sermon time to the eme.

November will be a full month of udy and activity. Fullest attention ll be given to the evening programs om *Roundtable* with careful prepara- on, using all available resource ma- rials. This is our opportunity com- etely to sell ourselves and our fam- es on the project.

Early in November we hope to have workshop afternoon and evening to ake symbols and aids for worship the home. Requests have been made at we make metal and wooden candle olders, crosses, and folding back- round screens for home worship cen- ters.

November 14-21: our week of real emphasis. Special announcements and invitations will be made to all groups on Sunday about the three church-wide fellowship nights to follow on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. First will be a "Film and Fun" night using the best film available on Christian family living. We will discuss the film, then have directed recreation for all groups. The second night will feature "Food and Fellowship," with a covered dish supper and an evening of fellowship singing, stunts and informal buzz groups on family matters. The third night will be one of "Dramatization and Discussion." We will dramatize family council and family worship, then have group discussion.

November 21: our MYF evening program will be parents' night. We hope to have most of the parents of MYF members present to help evaluate the week and to consider a church family council as a sounding board and clearing house for mutual problems of youth and parents.

Thanksgiving eve: the traditional community church program will be used to emphasize the place and importance of special family worship in the home on Thanksgiving day. A similar effort will be made at Christmas with the distribution, explanation and dramatization of the folder on Christmas worship in the home.

Usually our watchnight programs on New Year's eve have been primarily an MYF affair, both in planning and attendance. This coming year we hope to have more parents to help plan and to encourage the family to attend as a unit. This should help us begin a new year with families closer together for Christ and his church.

—BY RAY P. HOOK

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1,800 adults meet as 'friends of youth'

A series of 13 meetings over a three-week period covered the California-Nevada Conference and brought together 1,800 "friends of youth."

The increased needs of youth for leadership in today's world were presented to the counselors and potential leaders from nearly all the churches in the conference. Largest crowd was 250 at St. Stephen's church in Oakland.

Bishop Tippett, the keynote speaker at each meeting, declared that while minds are keener and learning is accelerated today, young people are faced with more temptations than ever before, thus need and seek guidance. He reminded the groups that a man-made code of ethics is not enough.

Conference director of youth work Robert Cary presented the objectives of the youth emphasis for the local church, strategy meetings to enlist adult workers with youth, more youth fellowship groups, and a Christian witness mission in every church next November.

District directors of youth work conducted the meetings, with varied leadership for age-group discussions.

Omaha mission makes many calls

The Christian witness mission held in Omaha, Neb. June 13-20 was highly successful, according to reports.

Participating in the mission throughout the week were 50 youth and 4 adult sponsors and leaders. An additional 60 youth participated in the program at the local church level.

Opening session on Sunday morning was a subdistrict rally at St. Paul's church, with Gene Golay of the General Board of Evangelism as speaker.

Teams from the mission made 2,[illegible] calls where people were at home. They knocked at 920 doors where no one was home. They found 505 Methodist prospects, 72 vacant houses. Some 760 families were Roman Catholic.

Five churches in Omaha participated in the visitation evangelism phase of the mission, with these totals: [illegible] teams, 114 persons, 446 calls, 293 interviews, 19 professions of faith, [illegible] transfers, 95 new MYF members, [illegible] 130 total decisions.

Teams not only did visitation evangelism and sought prospective MYF members, they also called on shut-ins and sick people. They conducted a television program and a radio program over local stations, also chapel services in Omaha city mission and at Goodwill Industries.

Denver Methodist gets Fulbright scholarship

An outstanding Methodist young person in Denver has been going through exciting days. Ending his school days at the University of Denver, 21-year-old Allen Jackson was notified [illegible]

Gilbert Bennett (right) is welcomed to the Erie Conference as full-time youth director by executive secretary Donald Struchen. Formerly associate pastor at Kenmore church, Buffalo, N. Y., Bennett is the first full-time CDYW in the Erie Conference.

will receive a Fulbright scholarship Cambridge University in England. at same week he was elected to Phi ta Kappa, national honorary frater- y, and was also picked by the school arbook as one of the five outstand- graduating seniors.

Jackson's college career has includ- outstanding performances in every- ng from wrestling to religion. He s president of the Student Senate, dent governing body, and president the college of arts and sciences. He s top wrestler and co-captain on the J wrestling team, his third year of mpetition. In the conference wrest- g tournament, he was runner-up in class.

He was 1953 coordinator of the Re- ion in Life Week, and has served equently as student chaplain at the iversity. He has won honors in lege debating contests around the untry. He won for DU in the nation- discussion contest in 1952 and that ar was a member of the champion- p debating team at the Round-up urnament at the University of Texas. His father, Rev. M. L. Jackson, is strict superintendent in the Colorado nference. To help the Jackson fam- budget along, Allen earns money r his college expenses. Every other ght this year he worked at a juvenile me as night supervisor over the de- quents. On Saturdays and holidays trimmed trees for a nursery.

During such a busy year, Allen ckson managed to find time for cor- spondence. He wrote frequently to rbara Holland, a junior at Grinnell llege in Iowa. In fact, the corres- ndence was so successful that Bar- ra accepted a proposal and the two re married June 13 in Denver.

MYF Roundup

◆ At the end of June the North rolina Conference closed two capac- weeks of assembly at Louisburg llege. Some 500 attended, gave ough to buy 5,000 "Meals for Mil- ns." Intermediates and older youth e camping at Camp Don-Lee on the use river near New Bern, N. C., d all conference activities will climax th the MYF's third annual confer- ce session at Duke University the d of August.

Last month Eva Mae Jones (left), retiring president of the Pittsburgh Conference MYF, presented a loving cup to Mrs. H. R. Lewis as a token of appreciation from the MYF. Mrs. Lewis has just ended eight years as secretary of youth work for the Pittsburgh Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Olan Hartley succeeds her.

Three special conference projects are raising $1,000 for two North Carolina missionaries in Africa along with a new high for the Methodist Youth Fund, a big-weekly youth page in the North Carolina *Christian Advocate*, and a Christian witness mission at Raleigh.

◆ Dorothy Jo Waddell, 17-year-old high school senior in Denver, Colo. is one of the carefully selected Girl Scouts who will travel abroad this summer as ambassadors of goodwill. She is president of the Denver District MYF and Warren church.

◆ The seven members of Sixth Street church in Sweetwater, Texas, raised over $30 in a special drive for "Meals for Millions."

◆ From Tulsa, Okla. come reports of their first conference missions tour with 37 girls and 3 women spending five days on a bus seeing the church's mission projects and church-related institutions. By the end of the tour the bus was almost 100% CONCERNed!

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In The Youth Emphasis

Youth In Their Families

Scheduled for NOVEMBER, 1954

Activities in
HOME
LOCAL CHURCH
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Youth in their families grow as Christians together

Main *resources for Planning* to be in

1. *Roundtable*, for Sept., Oct., and Nov.
2. A leaflet, "Youth in Their Families," to be mailed to every pastor in September.

A grand opportunity for your MYF to do something of *Lasting Value.*